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SUBJECT: IBS NEWS FEED

1. AMERICAN BOOK EXHIBIT OPENS AT MANDALAY

RANGOON, APRIL 23 -- AMBASSADOR DAVID L. OSBORN OPENED USIS'S "SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY REFERENCE BOOKS" EXHIBIT APRIL 21 EVENING AMERICAN CENTER AT US CONSULATE MANDALAY. OPENING CEREMONY ATTENDED OFFICIALS, PROFESSORS, STUDENTS, U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS.

2. FOLLOWING TEXT AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS DELIVERED IN BURMESE:

"MAY I THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND PRESENCE HERE TODAY. IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO MEET YOU PERSONALLY AND OPEN THIS BOOK EXHIBIT. I KNOW A BURMESE SAYING - 'PEOPLE FROM MOULMEIN ARE FOND OF FOOD, PEOPLE FROM RANGOON ARE FOND OF BOASTING AND PEOPLE FROM MANDALAY ARE FOND OF TALKING'. BUT I THINK THERE IS ONE THING IN COMMON - AND THAT IS A THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE AND AN INTEREST IN BOOKS.

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HOPE THESE BOOKS WILL BE OF SPECIAL BENEFIT TO BURMA AND THE BURMESE PEOPLE. INTERCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE IS BENEFICIAL TO BOTH SIDES. FOR EXAMPLE,H

. U SAN BAW, WHO IS FROM MANDALAY

AND WAS TRAINED IN THE UNITED STATES, INITIATED THE USE OF IVORY IN ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY. A GOOD PART OF THE EXHIBIT IS A COLLECTION OF MEDICAL BOOKS. WE NEVER KNOW IF ONE DAY AN AMERICAN UNCLASSIFIED

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LIFE MAY NOT BE SAVED WITH KNOWLEDGE GAINED HERE.

WITH GOOD WISHES FOR THE BURMESE NEW YEAR TO THE PEOPLE OF BURMA AND ESPECIALLY TO THE PEOPLE OF MANDALAY I DECLARE THE

EXHIBIT OPEN".

EXHIBIT OPENED TO PUBLIC FROM 3:00-10:00 PM THROUGH APRIL
30.

3. NEW SUBJECT: USIS-SPONSORED MCLAIN FAMILY BAND ARRIVES
RANGOON FROM VIENTIANE THIS PM, WILL GIVE ONE PUBLIC PERFORMANCE
AT OPEN AIR THEATER ON GODWIN ROAD AT 1900 HOURS, APRIL 25.
FATHER, TWO DAUGHTERS AND SON COME FROM BEREAS, KENTUCKY, PLAY
AND SING BLUEGRASS STYLE WHICH WILL DOUBTLESSLY APPEAL TO MANY
BURMESE AS MANY LOCAL SINGERS AND PERFORMERS PERFORM GOSPEL, FOLK,
COUNTRY AND WESTERN.
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